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For: ISOLATED HUMAN TRANSPORTER
PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
ENCODING HUMAN TRANSPORTER
PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

**Statement Regarding Duty to Disclose Information Material To
Patentability Under 37 CFR 1.56 (a) and (b)**

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Sir:

This statement is to inform the United States of Patent and Trademark Office that Applicants and their representative have made a good faith effort in searching prior art relating to this invention.

No prior art material to patentability of the present invention has been found. The closest information associated with the invention is disclosed in Figures 1 and 2 in the top BLAST search results. However, this information, by itself or in combination with other information, does not constitute a prima facie case of unpatentability of any of the pending claims. Thus, it does not defeat the novelty of the present invention and the actual underlying references for the top BLAST hits are not being provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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